

SUBJECTS.

any good result. He was doubtful whether the T. I. C. Regulation could be made applicable to a public institution and suggested that, if the premises were placed under their control, they would see to its being kept in proper sanitary condition.

Dewan's reply.—The T. I. C. Regulation provides for compelling people to keep their premises clean. You should make people do their work and not do their work for them. The other parts mentioned by the member are noted.

(2) MEDICAL RELIEF.

57. Some suggestions for the promotion of Medical Relief and Research.

Mr. A. Palpu, B. A. (Member, Nominated) referred to the unsatisfactory condition of Medical Relief in the State, owing to the want of an adequate supply of drugs. He then said that sufficient encouragement was not given to the Native Vydians, who were now regarded only as a bad substitute for English doctors. In his opinion, the question of the State attitude towards the Vydian and his art had to be carefully considered and defined by the Government; and if it was found that, as a result, the Vydian was very much inferior to his English rival, it should be further considered whether he could not be made as useful. If it was possible to improve him, it should be done; otherwise, his practice ought, in the public interests, to be summarily ended. He further suggested that the Government should give native medicine at least a fair trial and a fair chance of justifying its existence and its historic usefulness, by making some provision for competent research into the properties of the drugs ordinarily used by the Vydians and the methods employed by them in treatment; and he proposed that a full-timed young medical graduate should be set apart, with a proper laboratory, for this work of research, it being his duty, especially, to publish the results of his investigations in English and in the Vernacular. He then pointed out the harm done by some Native Physicians through their ignorance of Physiology, Anatomy, Chemistry, anti-septic treatment and the properties of mineral drugs and poisons; and he proposed, as a remedial measure, that a grant in aid or diploma should be given only to those candidates who, having passed from the Ayurvedic Patasala, would undergo a further examination in the above subjects, conducted by a Board constituted by the Darbar Physician—facilities being afforded at the same time for Vydian candidates to attend the hospitals and learn work therein.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

58. Medical aid in the Meenachil taluk.

Mr. C. Mathen Mappilla (Member, Meenachil taluk) said that the Meenachil taluk, especially the eastern portions of it, was malarious and that the hospital at Lalam,

